Disciplinary enquiries against Government officials.

* 1177 Q.—SRI V. CHIDANANDAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether disciplinary enquiries even against officers in the mufassal are conducted by the Tribunal at Madras and why they are not entrusted to the Collector or some other suitable authority in the district itself; and

(b) whether the Government have considered the question of saving which can be effected by enquiry by local officers?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) Experience has shown that it would be more just and expedient to entrust the enquiries to a quasi-judicial body. It does not necessarily conduct all its enquiries against officers at Madras but it sits at such places as it may determine with due regard to the convenience of the parties concerned and expenses involved. Collectors and other District Officers who could be thought of have no time to spare for conducting these enquiries which are in almost all cases long-drawn and cannot be expedited beyond a certain measure, without giving room to a feeling that justice has not been done to the delinquent officials. It may also be remembered that quite a large number of departmental enquiries deal with a number of cases other than those that go to the Tribunal."

Government Soap Factory, Kozhikode.

* 1178 Q.—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that lot of stocks are accumulated in the Government Soap Factory, Kozhikode; if so, what steps the Government have taken to dispose it off; and

(b) the total number of workmen and staff employed in the Factory in 1944 and at present?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) The total number of workmen and staff employed in the Factory during the year 1944 and at present are—

	In 1944.	At present.
Gazetted Officers	2	1
Non-Gazetted Officers ...	48	30
Workers	132	65
Total ...	182	96 "

Conference of Police Officers of the Coastal Andhra districts.

* 1179 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state with reference to answer to question No. 212 given on 25th July 1952 whether there was a